

and is being passed down to the next generation.

Mr. AKAKA. Honor, courage, and commitment are the core values of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. These words speak volumes about both the local and national contributions of the proud men and women who have served under its banner. I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring these outstanding Americans by celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, and to wish it as much success over the next century as it attained during the last.

Mr. INOUE. When Congress established the "Navy Yard Pearl Harbor" in 1908, Hawaii and the U.S. Navy were inextricably linked together. Just as it did in 1908, America understands the need for a strong presence in the Asia-Pacific region. Both the shipyard and its achievements are special. However, it is the shipyard's heart, the dedicated men and women who work there, that make those achievements possible. I join my colleague Senator AKAKA in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, and I look forward to celebrating its future successes in the next 100 years.

HONORING MONSIGNOR JOSEPH G. QUINN

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, it is with the greatest respect and personal gratitude that I stand today to honor our guest Chaplain, Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn, and thank him for his humble and moving blessing upon us this morning. I am proud to say that Monsignor Quinn hails from my hometown of Scranton, PA, and lives and works there today as pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Carbondale.

Monsignor Quinn is one of the most dedicated and committed servants of God whom I have ever had the privilege to know. I am honored to say that he is my good friend and has been an invaluable and steadfast friend to my family for decades. He has provided us comfort and strength in times of sorrow and loss. When my father, Governor Casey, was ill and when he died in May of 2000, Monsignor Quinn grieved with us. In times of happiness and celebration like christenings and other occasions or celebrations, he has brought his sense of humor and his warmth.

Monsignor Quinn is a beloved church servant. He has made extraordinary contributions to his family, the city and diocese of Scranton and all of northeastern Pennsylvania. Interestingly, Monsignor Quinn's journey to the priesthood first took a detour through a short, but remarkable, legal career. I would like to highlight just a few of his accomplishments over the last three decades.

After graduating from the University of Scranton and Seton Hall University School of Law in 1976, he was appointed a Federal magistrate-judge for the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Then 25 years of age,

he was the youngest person in the country to serve in that position. After 6 years of distinguished service in the judiciary, he answered his call to the priesthood and went on to complete his studies at the North American College in Rome and was ordained in 1985.

Monsignor Quinn's numerous professional contributions include serving as: parish priest and pastor; dean of the Scranton Central Deanery of the Diocese of Scranton; member of the Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission; diocesan moderator of the Bishop's Annual Appeal for the 1998, 1999 and 2000 campaigns; member of both the Diocesan College of Consultors and the Diocesan Presbyteral Council; chairman of the Diocesan Communications Commission; member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Scranton; and personal representative of the Bishop of Scranton to the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, a statewide body that addresses and advances public policy issues on behalf of the Pennsylvania Bishops.

Monsignor Quinn has been a key contributor to the community in a wide variety of capacities, and has been honored with numerous awards. The following are just a sampling: the B'nai B'rith Americanism Award; the Scranton Preparatory School Outstanding Alumnus of the Year as well as its most significant honor, The Ignatian Award; a Marywood University Presidential Scholarship in his honor; and the Lackawanna Bar Association's President's Award as well its highest award, the Chief Justice Michael J. Eagan Award. The University of Scranton honored Monsignor Quinn with its O'Hara Award in recognition of his community service, and in the fall of 2004, the Monsignor's nearly 30 years of service by naming a Presidential scholarship in his honor. In 2005, Scranton's Central City Ministerium named Monsignor Quinn its Clergyman of the Year.

These are only a few of Monsignor Quinn's many awards and accomplishments. He should be proud of these commendations but I have no doubt that his tremendous joy in serving God through service to his brothers and sisters in Christ, each and every day is what continues to inspire him. Monsignor Quinn is a truly beloved servant of the Church and its people. It is heartening to me, both personally and as a Member of the Senate, to listen to today's blessing by Monsignor Quinn and to welcome his vision of God's grace for our world into this Chamber.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING BRIDGER HIGH SCHOOL

• Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I wish to give special recognition to the music department of Bridger High School for putting together an award-winning music education program. By

demonstrating outstanding commitment to music education, Bridger High School won this year's GRAMMY® Signature School Award. This distinction is a national honor and a cause for celebration for the town of Bridger in my home State of Montana.

Music plays an integral part in our daily lives. It helps to define who we are as individuals and as a nation. Through music we celebrate, we laugh, we grieve and we heal. An old song, like an old friend, helps to recall feelings and memories lost in time.

The power of music is undeniable. Music education, therefore, is a sound investment. It teaches discipline and provides an avenue to express deep and powerful emotions. It enhances a student's performance in other subject areas. It makes a fundamental difference in the quality of life.

It makes an even bigger difference in the lives of students from economically underserved school districts. Bridger is a small town with a population less than 1,000. Under the watchful guidance of their music director Michel Sticka and principal John Ballard, the 28 music students from Bridger High strived to distinguish themselves and their school. They have succeeded. And so, they deserve our respect and admiration.

Being selected as a GRAMMY® Signature School is no small task. Bridger High School competed against 20,000 other public schools across the Nation to capture the distinction. In addition, the students at Bridger High went on to win the GRAMMY® Signature Schools Enterprise Award. The award recognizes three schools across the country for their efforts towards achieving music excellence. This national honor comes with a grant of \$5,000 designed to benefit Bridger High's music program.

Because of a strong music education, for the students of Bridger High, the greatest reward comes from the lifelong benefit of being able to lead richer and fuller lives.

I couldn't be more proud of the students and faculty members at Bridger High School. They have gone above and beyond to put Bridger, MT, on the map, setting the standard for all Montana schools. I join my fellow Montanans in a chorus of praise for these 28 bright students on their extraordinary achievements: Benton D. Asbury, Katryna N. Asbury, Samantha J. Bobby, Jonathan E. Bostwick, Devon B. Caballero, Jenny M. Cooke, Jessica Denney, Karissa J. DeRudder, Sommer D. Dykstra, Rebekah Edelman, Hayden D. Forsythe, Hannah Goetz, Jacey K. Griswold, Elliott G. McCarthy, Forrest C. McCarthy, Kimberly M. McClurg, Heidi R. Mudd, Wendi N. Mudd, Tara R. Murray, Lenore K. Pierson, Cole D. Schwend, Edward Stevenson, Andrea D. Sticka, Bailee M. Vaughn, Ryan J. Witt, Kyla M. Young, Tyler D. Young, Brit-tany N. Zentner.●